of existing Textile Policy and suggest changes in policy for the Textile and Jute industries in terms of the imperatives international competition. The Committee has since submitted its report. The recommendations of the Committee are under consideration of the Government.

Boost to Textile Exports

1521. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total turnover in textiles during 1999-2000;

(b) what is the total turnover in exports product-wise, both in value of foreign exchange and quantity;

(c) what steps are being taken to boost export of textiles in the country;

(d) whether it is a fact that proper incentives are not offered to exporters; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Since the cotton/man-made fibre textile industry, except for the yarn manufacturing, is predominantly in the decentralised sector, it is very difficult to assess or even estimate information regarding turnover of the textile industry. However, the details of production of textile items during the year 1999-2000 (April-September) are given below:—

S. No.	Items	Unit	Production 1998-99	(Apr-Sept. 1999) (P)	1999-2000 (A)
1.	Cotton*	Lakh bales	163**	—	175**
2.	Man-made fibre	Min. Kg	782	407	848
3.	Man-made filament yarn	Min. Kg	850	428	861

S. No.	Items	Unit	Production 1998-99	(Apr-Sept. 1999) (P)	1999-2000 (A)
4.	Spun Yarn	Mln. Kg	2808	1497	3020
5.	Cloth	Mln. Sq. Mtrs	36102	18757	38434

NOTE: * Pertain to cotton year i.e. October to September.
** As estimated by Cotton Advisory Board on 19.11.1999
P=Provisional A=Anticipated

(b) The details of product-wise export turnover during 1999-2000 (April-October) are given as under.

Sl. No.	Item	April-Oct., 1999 Rs.	US$	Quantity	
1.	Readymade Garment	**12575.61**	**2906.4**	**738.7**	Mn Pcs.
2.	Cotton Textiles (a+b+c)	**88893.05**	**2057.71**		
	(a) Cotton Fabrics	26112.32	604.45	1242.40	Sq.mt.
	(b) Cotton Yarn	38609.05	893.73	319.66	kgs.
	(c) Cotton Sewing Thread	49.01	1.13	0.13	kgs.
	(d) Cotton Made ups	24122.67	558.40	—	
3.	Man-made Textiles	**20723.0**	**498.0**	**21530.7**	
4.	Wool & Woollens	**6179.7**	**152.6**	**5964.4**	
	Woollen/Worshted Fabrics	449.20	10569	2.96	Mn. Sq. mt.
	Woollen Knitwear	3828.60	90085	10.6	Mn. Pcs.
	Made-ups	1974.80	46466	—	
	Yarn	165.55	3894	0.57	Mn. kgs
	Handwoven Textiles	770.58	18129	—	
5.	Silk	5269.4	126.4	5582.5	
	Total (1-5)	215097.9	5155.9	226760	
6.	Handicrafts (a+b)	**34452.8**	826.2	39335.8	
	(a) Carpet & other Floor Coverings	9838.8	235.9	10748.0	
	(b) Other Handicrafts	24614.0	590.3	28587.8	660.5
7.	Coir	1401.3	33.6	1354.7	31.4
8.	Jute	3320.9	81.0	2497.0	59.4
	GRAND TOTAL	**254272.9**	**6096.7**	**269947.2**	**6251.5**

(c) Government have been taking several steps from time to time to promote exports. Some of the important initiatives taken specifically in respect of the textile sector are as under:

(i) The Technological Upgradation Funds Scheme has been made operational from 1.4.1999 to facilitate the modernisation and upgradation of this sector so that it can become more competitive in international trade.

(ii) The New Exporters' Entitlement (Quota) Policy for the period 2000-2004 announced recently to provide stability and continuity and encourage competitiveness in textile exports.

(iii) Reduction in the threshold limit of the Zero Duty Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG) Scheme in respect of certain specified textile machinery to Rs. one crore.

(iv) Liberalisation of exports of cotton yarn by Export Oriented Unit (EOU)/Export Promotion Zone (EPZ)/EPCG units.

(v) Zero Duty import of certain categories of trimmings & embellishments.

(d) and (e) Incentives to exporters have to be consistent with the World Trade Organisation agreements. Incentives for exports come essentially from commercial factors like price etc. Subject to the WTO, Government implements schemes like duty drawback, Special import licenses, Duty Entitlement Pass Book (DEPB), tax exemption etc.

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Capital Investment into Carpet Industry By A MNC

†1522. SHRI BARJINDER SINGH HAMDARD: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:-

(a) whether it is a fact that the new Government, formed after the general election 1999, have given approval to a multinational

†Original Notice of the Question was received in Hindi.